

## MAYOR WILLIAMS' WARD 7 END OF THE SUMMER UPDATE - 2005



### 800 New Jobs at Gallery Place Welcomed by Mayor Williams

In May, **Mayor Williams** welcomed 5 major new retailers: **Clydes**, celebrated its downtown DC location; **Aveda** Institute introduced their salon, spa, and school; **Lucky Strike**, the bowling/dining concept from Los Angeles was introduced as was **Zengo**, restaurant of renowned Chef Richard Sandoval. **Bed, Bath and Beyond** also announced that they would open a store in Gallery Place. Gallery Place is expected to generate **\$19 million in sales and property taxes** a year. **800 permanent jobs** are expected when construction is complete. **Looking for a new job or training? Call 202-724-7000.**

### Addressing the Health Inequities Facing Ward 7

On July 7, 2005 **Mayor Williams and City Administrator Robert Bobb** met with the Ward 7 community to discuss the Mayor's proposal for a full service hospital on Reservation 13. The **National Capital Medical Center** would provide full range of services, including a Level One trauma care and a full range of diagnostic testing and screening services. Joining them were City Council Chair Linda Cropp, Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent Gray and Howard University (HU) President Patrick Swygert. Responding to a 2003 directive of the City Council, **Mayor Williams** entered into negotiations with HU to build a hospital on Reservation 13, and entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in 2004 citing the uneven distribution of hospitals in

the city for a high quality, full service medical center with destination specialties. **If you are interested in more information about this important project for East Washington, call the Office of the City Administrator at 202-727-1754.**

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES TAKE MAJOR STEPS IN WARD 7

On June 15, 2005, the NCRC approved approximately **\$20 million of investment in East Washington, \$8 million of it for Ward 7**. Included were funds for the acquisition of 2 parcels at the **Skyland Shopping Center** and funds to purchase a 30+unit multi-family building on Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, NE that had been vacant for over 30 years. **If you are interested in more information about this project or the NCRC, contact them at 202-530-5750.**

The **Anacostia Waterfront Corp. (AWC)** Board has been sworn in and is moving fast to have a visible presence in East Washington. The AWC will have a significant presence in Wards 7 & 8 by maintaining at least 50% of its office space in the wards.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WARD 7?

#### Housing

Several major housing developments are well underway or planned for Ward 7. The **Eastgate Dwellings** redevelopment at 51<sup>st</sup> and E Streets, SE is a Hope VI project and will include townhouses and some detached homes. Another Hope VI development, **East Capitol Dwellings** is also underway in Ward 7 and will be a mixed use community over 10 acres with over **700 units** of housing, as well as commercial and retail space and a senior housing building. The Marshall Heights CDC is planning a development of **1500 units** of housing, office and retail space **in the Parkside community**. **Interested in owning or renting one of these new units? Call MHCDC at 202-396-1200.**

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### Transportation

On May 16<sup>th</sup> at the foot of the Sousa Bridge and Pennsylvania Avenue, **Mayor Williams** announced the **East Washington Traffic Relief Plan** to relieve congestion on these 2 thoroughfares and local streets on both sides of the Anacostia River. The **\$250 million** project will take over 5 years to complete. Site preparation and demolition begin this fall.

Plans are underway to continue the **extension of Minnesota Avenue to the Deanwood Metro Station**. **\$212,000** has been spent for an environmental study.

### Education, Recreation and Libraries

The **Mayor's 2006 budget** includes funding for renovation of **HD Woodson Senior High School**, the only senior high school in Ward 7.

In addition to the renovation of **Kelly Miller Jr. High School**, whose students recently completed their first year in a new building, the gym at **Randall Highland Elementary** is nearing completion.

The **Hillcrest and Ft. Davis Recreation Centers** have been rebuilt or undergone major renovations, respectively. The **Mayor's 2006 budget** includes a **\$4 million commitment in funds** and a **\$24 million commitment thru FY 2011** for a state of the art recreation and library complex in **Deanwood**. Construction is scheduled to begin later this year.

**\$700,000** is committed in the **Mayor's 2006 budget** to begin planning the renovation of the **Francis Gregory Library**. **Benning and Anacostia Libraries** are presently closed and undergoing renovation. A **\$2.8 million allocation** has been earmarked for temporary sites to replace these libraries while they are closed. **For more info call DCPL at 202-727-1186.**

### Don't Forget:

The **DC Free Summer Meals Program** for youth 18 and younger runs from **June 22-August 31, 2005**.

**Call 202-463-6211** or visit [www.summeryouthprogram.dc.gov](http://www.summeryouthprogram.dc.gov) for more information or locations.

Applications are being accepted for the **Mayor's Advisory Neighborhood Commission Leadership Award**. **For more information call 202-442-8161 or go to [neighborhoodaction.dc.gov](http://neighborhoodaction.dc.gov)**

On days when the "heat index" reaches 95 degrees, there are **2 Cooling Centers** opened for District residents at **441 4th Street, NW** and **2000 14th Street, NW**. The DC Energy Office has fans for qualified residents. **Call 202-673-6750 for more information.**

**Don't forget to get your child(ren) immunized. School starts August 29, 2005. Call 202-576-7130 for more information.**

### DON'T LOSE THESE NUMBERS!

General Information (illegal dumping, trash collection/ leaf collection)	202 727-1000
Immunizations	202 576-7130
DMV Services	202 727-5000
Metro, Bus/Rail	202 962-1234
Medicaid/Food Stamps	202 724-5506
DCPS	202 724-4222
Senior Transportation	202 724-5626
Tax Assistance	202 727-4829
Open Hydrant	202 612-3400